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The present invention concerns prodrugs whose aromatic oxidation, particularly their enzymatic aromatic hydroxylation, results in their activation by the release of a drug moiety. It particularly concerns anti-tumour prodrugs and those which are specifically activated by the hydroxylation activity of the P-450 enzyme CYP1B1. Also provided are methods of detection of aromatic oxidation activity.